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Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: Disclosure of Documents Related to Victoria Hall Refurbishment
To: Members of Council
From: Councillor John Gallo
Date: March 10, 2026

Whereas Council recently approved an increase to the capital budget for the Victoria Hall Refurbishment project from \$500,000 to approximately \$2.18 million; and

Whereas the increase was based on structural findings, engineering reports, design work, and updated cost estimates that significantly expanded the scope and financial implications of the project; and

Whereas certain documents related to the project were not shared publicly; and

Whereas residents have expressed significant interest in understanding the basis for the increased project costs and the information that informed Council's decision; and

Whereas transparency and public confidence in municipal decision-making are strengthened when supporting documentation for major capital expenditures is made available to the public; and

Whereas, while certain information related to procurement, legal matters, or third-party commercial interests cannot be disclosed by the municipality, the majority of documentation supporting this decision should be publicly accessible;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to compile and release publicly all documentation related to the Victoria Hall Refurbishment budget increase, including but not limited to:
 - a. Engineering and structural reports;
 - b. Architectural and design consultant reports;
 - c. The Class D cost estimate dated December 1, 2025, and any subsequent cost estimates;
 - d. Project scope documents and supporting technical studies;
 - e. Internal staff reports or memoranda that informed the revised project scope or cost estimates;

- f. Any additional documentation relied upon in preparing the report recommending the budget increase; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That such release does not contravene the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, procurement integrity requirements, contractual confidentiality obligations, or legal privilege; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff report back to Council by May 2026 confirming the documents being released and listing any unreleased documents with an explanation of the applicable reasons for requiring continued nondisclosure.